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APPLICATIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
FOR OBSERVER STATUS IN CODEx

(Prepared by the Codex Secretariat in collaboration with FAO and WHO)

1. The Executive Committee (CCEXEC) is hereby invited, in accordance with Rule IX.6 of the Rules of Procedure and the *Principles Concerning the Participation of International Non-Governmental Organizations in the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission* ("the Principles"), to provide advice regarding the applications for Observer Status from the International Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) neither having status with FAO nor official relations with WHO, as included in Annex I.
2. The Directors-General of FAO and WHO will decide whether the applicant organizations are to be granted observer status, taking into account all relevant information received from each applicant organization and the advice of the Executive Committee.
3. This document contains the following application:

Annex	Name
Annex 1	Cellular Agriculture Europe
Annex 2	Coalition for Americas' Health, INC

Recommendation

6. CCEXEC is invited to provide advice regarding the applications included in Annex 1 and Annex 2 of the present document.

**APPLICATION FOR OBSERVER STATUS WITH CODEX BY
CELLULAR AGRICULTURE EUROPE**

(a) Official name of the organization in different languages (with initials)

Our official name is Cellular Agriculture Europe. Our name exists in English only.

(b) Full postal address, Telephone, Facsimile and Email, as well as Telex and website addresses as appropriate.

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Website: <https://www.cellularagriculture.eu/>

(c) Aims and subject fields (mandate) of organization, and methods of operation. (Enclose charter, constitution, by-laws, rules of procedures, etc.). Date of establishment

The purpose of Cellular Agriculture Europe is to represent and enhance the new cellular agriculture industry in Europe. Cellular agriculture can offer meat, poultry, seafood, dairy or other animal-based products grown in a controlled environment. We bring together producers of cultivated meat, seafood, dairy or other animal-based products with stakeholders to find common ground and speak with a shared voice for the good of the industry, consumers, and regulators.

We believe in a future where cellular agriculture, in combination with sustainability reforms to conventional agricultural practices, helps Europe meet its growing demand for protein while giving consumers the opportunity to choose delicious, nutritious, and safe meat and seafood products.

For this purpose, the Association has the following objectives:

- to represent the collective interests of the Members, principally in scientific, regulatory and communication matters;
- to undertake detailed intra-industry discussion and analysis of the impact of the legislation on industry's operations;
- to make representations to the European Commission and other relevant authorities on aspects of current and proposed legislation related to cultivated meat, cultivated fish and seafood and other cultivated animal-based products,
- to provide and exchange, in the framework of scientific research, information and services intended to develop and to increase knowledge of the industry;
- to maintain coordination with other relevant organisations and stakeholders;
- to encourage and support Members by promoting awareness and advancing the understanding among legislators and the relevant audiences of the role and benefits of cellular agriculture.

Cellular Agriculture Europe was officially launched in December 2021 (see press release announcing the launch [here](#)) with its first Annual General Meeting. Such meeting was made possible with the publication of the Royal Decree, which confirmed the establishment of the association under the Belgian law, in September 2021.

(d) Member organizations (name and address of each national affiliate, method of affiliation, giving number of members where possible, and names of principal officers. If the organization has individual members, please indicate approximate number in each country. If the organization is of a federal nature and has International Non-Governmental Organizations as members, please indicate whether any of those members already enjoy observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission).

The Association has Ordinary, Associate Members and Observers. Membership may be granted to companies, industry associations or non-governmental organisations and not to individuals.

Membership as an Ordinary Member in the Association shall be open to manufacturers of cultivated meat, cultivated fish and seafood and other cultivated animal-based products, which have a registered office in the European Union, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Iceland, Norway or Israel.

Membership as an Associate Member in the Association shall be open to companies or industry associations which have a registered office or business operations in the European Union, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Iceland, Norway or Israel involved in the supply and value chain of cellular agriculture but not directly involved with the manufacture of cellular agriculture products. This status as Associate Member confers neither voting rights, nor eligibility in the Board of Directors. Dues for Associate Members shall be determined by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Board of Directors.

The observer status shall be open to non-governmental organisations, who have a registered office inside the European Union, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Iceland, Norway or Israel. Observer status shall also be open to foreign companies who manufacture cultivated meat, fish & seafood and other cultivated animal-based products outside of the European Union, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Iceland, Norway or Israel. The observer status confers neither voting rights, nor eligibility in the Board of Directors. Dues for these two categories of observers shall be determined by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Board of Directors.

Currently, Cellular Agriculture Europe has:

18 ordinary members:

- [Aleph Farms Ltd.](#)
- [Bluu Seafood](#)
- [Bruno Cell](#)
- [Cell4Food](#)
- [FishWay](#)
- [Food Novelties](#)
- [LabFarm](#)
- [Meatable B.V.](#)
- [Mewery](#)
- [Mosa Meat B.V.](#)
- [New Form](#)
- [Re:Meat](#)
- [SuperMeat The Essence of Meat Ltd.](#)
- [Suprême SAS \(Gourmey\)](#)
- [Tech4Meat](#)
- [Uncommon](#)
- [Upstream Foods](#)
- [VITAL MEAT SAS](#)

Three associate members:

- [The Alternative Proteins Association](#)
- [Nestlé](#)
- [Roslin Technologies](#)

(e) Structure (assembly or conference; council or other form of governing body; type of general secretariat; commissions on special topics, if any; etc.).

As you can see in our by-laws and overall structure, the General Assembly of members is Cellular Agriculture Europe's supreme authority. It is responsible for determining the general policy of the association and laying down the guidelines within which the Board of Directors shall operate. The General Assembly also has exclusive rights, such as approving the annual accounts and budget, or appointing and dismissing members of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors has full powers to perform all acts that are not reserved for the General Assembly. It also has exclusive prerogatives, such as the delegation of certain specific and limited powers and/or daily management of the association.

Cellular Agriculture Europe's daily activities are supported by three Committees:

- Strategic Planning Committee, which shall propose short- and long-term planning strategies for consideration to the Board. The Committee regularly reviews the mission, vision and values statement

to determine if there is a need for any changes to be proposed to the Board. It also provides recommendations for membership development.

- Regulatory Affairs Committee, which focuses on monitoring and reacting (preparation of positions and comments) to relevant regulatory and technical measures under the European food law, in particular those linked to Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 on novel foods. This Committee also looks at horizontal issues linked to the regulation of novel foods, such as hygiene of food stuffs and provision of food information to consumers, as well as regulatory developments in third countries. This Committee has set up one sub-committee on novel foods regulation, classification, labelling & hygiene and one task force on the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).
- Communications Committee, which supports Cellular Agriculture Europe's mission by developing and implementing a communications strategy to support its European Public Affairs activities with appropriate targeted content and materials. The Committee may also organise educational activities targeting the relevant European bodies and the relevant audiences concerning cellular agriculture products.

Our headquarters and secretariat are based in Brussels (Belgium). Our secretariat consists of a Secretary General and a communications manager.

(f) Indication of source of funding (e.g., membership contributions, direct funding, external contributions, or grants).

Our only source of income is the membership fees that are collected annually.

(g) Meetings (indicate frequency and average attendance; send report of previous meeting, including any resolutions passed) that are concerned with matters covering all or part of the Commission's field of activity.

Our General Assembly meets at least once a year. According to our by-laws, "the Board of Directors shall meet no less than one (1) time per year, at the request of the President, and as often as decided by the President". In 2022, the Board had seven meetings. Our committees meet on a as needed basis. For instance, our Regulatory Affairs Committee holds bi-monthly meetings.

(h) Relations with other international organizations:

- **UN and its organs (indicate consultative status or other relationship, if any).**
- **Other international organizations (document substantive activities).**

Some of our members were involved in FAO's recent work on Food Safety Aspects of Cell- based Food¹ as technical Panel resource people. Two of our members participated in the FAO stakeholder roundtable meeting on cell-based food and precision fermentation held on 6th November 2023². One of our associate members participated in the third FAO stakeholder meeting on cell-based food and precision fermentation, hosted by the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)³.

(i) Expected contribution to the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme.

We noted that Singapore had expressed its intention at the 86th Codex Executive Committee (CCEXEC86) to initiate two new works at Codex Alimentarius on: (i) a "Guideline for the conduct of food safety assessment of cell culture media components used in production of cell- based foods" and (ii) a "Code of hygienic practice for the manufacture of cell-based foods".

Whereas Cellular Agriculture Europe members not only have an interest in the EU market but also in world trade, we believe that global standards or guidance documents like Codex texts on cellular agriculture products are essential for the regulation of this very nascent industry. With our first-hand knowledge of our fast-growing and innovative sector, we are certain that we can bring valued contributions to the Codex on-going on new food sources and production systems (NFSPS) and to the above-mentioned future works if they are endorsed by the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

¹ See <https://www.fao.org/food-safety/scientific-advice/crosscutting-and-emerging-issues/cell-based-food/en/>.

² See <https://www.fao.org/food-safety/news/news-details/en/c/1661438/>

³ See <https://www.fao.org/food-safety/news/news-details/en/c/1712158/>

(j) Past activities on behalf of, or in relation to, the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme (indicate any relationship by national affiliates with the Regional Coordinating Committees and/or the National Codex Contact Points or Committees for at least the last three years preceding the application).

Cellular Agriculture Europe wishes to bring its contribution to the Codex Alimentarius discussions around new food sources and production systems. For example, our association provided its reply (see Annex VI) to the Codex Circular Letter entitled Request for Information on New Food Sources and production systems; Need for Codex guidance and attention to inform the CCEXEC sub-committee on working on this topic (CL 2022/06/OCS-CCEXEC) directly to CCEXEC members.

Cellular Agriculture Europe has no formal connections (i.e., membership or institutionalised partnership) with other Codex observers.

(k) Area of activity in which participation as an observer is requested (Commission and/or Subsidiary Bodies). If more than one organization with similar interests is requesting observer status in any field of activity, such organizations will be encouraged to form themselves into a federation or association for the purpose of participation. If the formation of such a single organization is not feasible, the application should explain why this is so.

Cellular Agriculture Europe wishes to bring its contribution to the Codex Alimentarius discussions around new food sources and production systems, especially cell-based foods.

(l) Previous applications for observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission, including those made by a member organization of the applicant organization. If successful, please indicate why and when observer status was terminated. If unsuccessful, please indicate the reasons you were given.

Cellular Agriculture Europe applied for the Codex Observer status in March 2022 and in June 2023. Our applications were not accepted as our association had not been established at least three years before applying. In an email addressed to us on 14th November 2023 email, we were advised that: "The application states that Cellular Agriculture Europe was officially launched in December 2021 (see press release announcing the launch here) with its first Annual General Meeting. Cellular Agriculture Europe could therefore apply to the Observer Status with Codex in December 2024".

(m) Languages (English, French or Spanish) in which documentation should be sent to the International Nongovernmental Organization.

Our working language is English.

(n) Name, Function and address of the person providing the information.

Caroline Rey, Secretary General

Address: Avenue de Tervuren 13 – 1040 Brussels – Belgium

(o) Signature and date.

2nd December 2024

**APPLICATION FOR OBSERVER STATUS WITH CODEX BY
COALITION FOR AMERICAS' HEALTH, INC.**

(a) Official name of the organization

Coalition for Americas' Health, Inc.

Also known as Coalición América Saludable (Spanish)

Also known as CLAS (abbreviation)

(b) Addresses

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website : www.clasonline.org

Phone: +1 972 832 2934

(c) Aims and subject fields, methods of operation. Date of establishment

Aims: (see certificate of incorporation attached)

- To promote an environment throughout the Americas conducive to health, well-being, social, and economic development.
- To increase awareness and educate the public, the media, authorities, and other sectors of society about the prevention and control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), their risk factors, determinants, and relation to infectious diseases such as COVID-19.
- To strengthen national NCD alliances and facilitate their development and growth.
- To foster partnerships among various sectors of society and promote the participation of academia, people living with NCDs, and young people to accomplish its mission.
- To conduct research to increase knowledge about effective interventions to reduce disease and improve the wellbeing of all people.

Method of operation: (see bylaws attached)

Board of Directors representing Membership. Staff group managing operations.

Date of establishment:

October 6. 2020

(d) Member Organizations

See website www.clasonline.org

Members are non-government organizations dedicated to the prevention and control of Non-communicable Diseases or NCDs, risk factors and other related topics. Members complete an application form that is reviewed by a Membership Committee, which in turn makes a recommendation to the Board of Directors for acceptance or rejection. Principal members include:

- NAME: ACT Saude Publica Brazil

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BRANCH OFFICE ACT Rio de Janeiro: Av. Nossa Senhora de Copacabana, 330/1107, CEP 22020-001, Rio de Janeiro, RJ Tel/fax 21 2255-0520, 2255-0630

WEBSITE: <https://www.actbr.org.br> act@actbr.org.br

MAIN CONTACT: Paula Johns

- NAME: Instituto Brasileiro de Defesa do Consumidor - IDEC (Brasil)
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01139-000 - Brazil
WEBSITE: <https://idec.org.br/institutional-report>
MAIN CONTACT: Laís Amaral
- NAME: OMIS
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WEBSITE: www.omis.org.uy
MAIN CONTACT: Lucía Martínez
- NAME: Coalición ENT Uruguay
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MAIN CONTACT: Diego Rodríguez Sandoya
- NAME: Asociación Costa Rica Saludable
ADDRESS: Costa Rica
WEBSITE: <https://www.facebook.com/CostaRicaSaludable/>
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WEBSITE: <https://educarconsumidores.org/>
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MAIN CONTACT: Victoria Eugenia Soto Rojas
- NAME: Salud Justa
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WEBSITE: <https://saludjusta.mx/>
MAIN CONTACT: Erick Antonio Ochoa

- NAME: Coalición México Saludable

ADDRESS: México

WEBSITE: <https://mexicosaludhable.org/>

MAIN CONTACT: Juan Nuñez Guadarrama

METHOD OF AFFILIATION: The members of CLAS undergo an evaluation process within the Membership Committee, which is appointed by the Board of Directors. A principal requirement is to be free of conflicts of interest.

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS: CLAS is a coalition that brings together approximately 200 organizations and has more than 100 individual members registered under a management platform. Its members in turn have coalitions and members in their own countries.

To the best of our knowledge, none of our members have observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

(e) Structure

CLAS incorporated in the State of Texas, USA, on October 6, 2020, as a nonprofit corporation. However, it existed since March 2011, when it was organized as a coalition to respond to the UN High Level meeting on NCD that took place in Sept 2011. In 2021, CLAS obtained its 501c3 tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). See Certificate of 501c3 status.

(f) Sources of Funding

Funding for CLAS comes from grants and donations. We have grant funding from: Bloomberg Philanthropies, NORAD the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation, NCD Alliance, Resolve to Save Lives (RTSL), the Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAI). We have had funding from IDRC (International Development Research Center), American Heart Association, Corporate Accountability, and donations come from individual donors. There are no membership fees.

(g) Meetings

CLAS has member meetings about 3-4 times per year. The last one in December 2024 was to review and update the ***Regional Agenda 2030 towards Prevention and Control of NCDs in Latin America***. We also discussed preparations for the 2025 4th UN High Level meeting on NCDs.

An average of approximately 30-40 members attends member meetings.

Board meetings are held 2-3 times per year. Matters that do not require a meeting are managed via e-mail. The Board has 3 members that participate in every Board meeting and some Member meetings.

There are many team meetings around projects, as well as webinars/virtual seminars to inform members, authorities, media, and the public about mission-related areas. For example, we have had discussions and events about healthy, sustainable, and equitable food systems, fiscal policies, the elimination of trans fats, labeling of food products, the marketing of food products, marketing to children, food composition, salt in the diet, nutrition and its relationship to diseases such as cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, cancers, diabetes, obesity, among others. CLAS has participated in the Latin American Society of Nutrition and had speakers present at leadership workshops. These meetings might be between 10 people to several hundreds.

(h) Relations with other international organizations

CLAS is **official relations** with the Pan American Health Organization PAHO, focal point: Fabio Gomes. We work closely with PAHO on topics regarding nutrition, physical activity, healthy schools, alcohol, tobacco control, cardiovascular diseases/cancer, and NCDs more generally. We are facilitating the elimination of trans fats in Panamá, Ecuador and Bolivia. In Central America, we work with Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador and Panamá to improve nutrition.

We have observer status on the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, the focal point: Adriana Blanco.

CLAS is a regional member of NCD Alliance, the main global organization focused on NCDs.

We are founding members of COLANSA the Community of Practice for healthy and sustainable food systems in Latin America, part of the Coordinating Committee, and are responsible for its advocacy arm. As part of Colansa, we organized a media space named www.saludablesaberlo.org that provides information regarding nutrition to decision-makers, parents and young adults. We also provide grants to other civil society organizations in our region on topics such as school environment, community engagement regarding food policy, and agroecology.

Beatriz Champagne, CLAS' Executive Director, is a member of the Board of the NCD Alliance; President of INWAT, the International Network of Women and Health; board member of GAPA, the Global Alcohol Policy Alliance; and was Chair of the World Heart Federation Advocacy Committee and a member of its Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

CLAS is engaged with the World Health Organization (WHO) NCD department, air pollution, addictions and alcohol, mental health, etc. as part of the Civil Society Working Group on NCDs.

(i) Expected contribution to the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Program

CLAS is working to advance better understanding of nutrition and its relationship to health, equity, climate. It is promoting front of pack labeling for food products. It is also part of the leadership of COLANSA, an organization in Latin America focused on supporting healthy and sustainable food systems.

We developed processes in our region to reach consensus on a common Regional Agenda among civil society organizations. Our extensive network in Latin America has been useful to researchers, advocates, media, authorities, and donors to be able to reach and engage people from the region. We have convened communications experts to develop improved messaging around food systems. CLAS has organized a Youth Alliance to promote young people's participation in research and advocacy around nutrition and health.

(j) Past activities on behalf of, or in relation to, the Codex Alimentarius Commission

CLAS has provided response to consultations via organizations that are already observers. CLAS has participated in discussions with government officials and civil society to address CODEX contributions, understand and be able to explain the role of CODEX, responding to occasional misinterpretation of CODEX discussions. We have participated in food and alcohol labelling discussions.

(k) Area of activity in which participation as an observer is requested

Food labeling

Marketing of foods

Promoting more integrated farm to market distribution

Healthy foods in schools

Good governance and transparency in policy processes

(l) Previous application to observer status

Yes, on July 30th, 2022 we applied. We received correspondence indicating the following:

"...based on the documentation provided by the organization, it appears that The Coalition for Americas Health was established on October 6, 2020 hence not meeting the three-year rule. Therefore, currently, the application of CLAS cannot be received. Should you still be interested in having the observer status, we invite you to apply again once this criterion will be met."

Having met this three-year rule, CLAS is applying again.

(m) Language:

English and / or Spanish

(n) Name, function and address of the person providing the information

Beatriz Champagne, Executive Director, 2403 Versailles Ct. McKinney Texas 75070 USA

(o) Signature and date



Beatriz Champagne, PhD

Executive Director,

January 23, 2025